

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CLEANING HEAD
WITH OVER-DAMPED HARMONIC OSCILLATION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An apparatus has an information storage medium with
an information storage surface, and structure operable to
effect relative movement of the head and surface within a
first zone while maintaining the head adjacent the
surface and while using the head to effect at least one
of reading information from and writing information to
the surface. A head cleaning section includes a cleaning
part engageable with the head when the head is in a
10 second zone where the head is spaced from the surface,
the structure being operable to effect relative movement
of the engaged head and cleaning part in a manner which
includes a component of movement that is representative
of an applied force subject to a damping influence.

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